

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

The right wing assault on the airways started with Ronnie Reagan. Why can't we have equal time again so non-millionaires can be heard in this country. He was aware that money talks and knew how to shut non-money up. Change the fairness doctrine. These close-minded conservatives control what we hear and see because they have money. You can't listen to the radio without hear these hateful people who want to make sure you are living by their rules and ideals. I just hope we can put freedom back into the United State without having a million dollars in the bank.

Thank you.